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Industries Closed Due to Shortage of Power in Bihar

1666. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a large number of industries have been ciosed in Patna, Rohtas and Bhojpur districts of Bihar due to shortage of power;

(b) if so, the details of such small industries during the last three years; and

(c) the action taken by the Government during last two years to provide sufficient power to Patna, Rohtas and Bhojpur districts of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The power supply to various categories of consumers in Patna, Rohtas and Bhojpur districts of Bihar falls under the distribution system of the State and is the prerogative of State Government/SEB.During the period April -October, 1991, the Energy shortage in Bihar was 31.8%. There are no notified power curts in Bihar and the power shortage is met by resorting to restrictions/load shedding depending upon day to day availability of power.

(c) Various measures being taken to improve the availability of power in Bihar include maximising the generation from the existing generating stations, implementation of Renovation and Modernisation programme of generating stations, reduction in T&D losses, effective load management and conservation of energy etc. Assistance from the neighbouring systems in the Eastern Region and the Northern Grid is also made available to Bihar whenever system conditions are conducive to such transfer.

Telecast/Broadcast of Programmes by Doordarshan and AIR

1667. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total hours of programmes telecast and broadcast by Doordarshan and A.I.R. during last one year and the language-wise time allotted;

(b) whether the number of English programmes telecast/broadcast by Doordarshan and AIR were more in proportion to the number of English knowing people;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase the number of Hindi programmes on Doordarshan and A.I.R. in view of large number of the Hindi knowing people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Such statistics are not being maintained centrally.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

(d) Does not arise.

Urja Gram Yojna

1668. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have included the villages of Ranchi in Bihar under Urjan Gram Yojna; and